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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL: CAIRO MEETING

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AT CLOSE OF BOYCOTT COMMISSION MEETINGS IN CAIRO
MARCH 5, COMMISSIONER GENERAL MAHGOUB ISSUED A STATEMENT
(REFTEL) WHICH NOW APPEARS TO BE DEFINITIVE DEFENSE OF BOYCOTT
AGAINST CRITICISM RECENTLY RENEWED IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.
IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN US THAT MAY HAVE BEARING
ON BOYCOTT MATTERS, EMBASSY IS TRANSMITTING TEXT OF PRESS
SUMMARY OF STATEMENT, AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE -1. ARAB ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL IS
A LEGITIMATE MEANS OF SELF-DEFENSE WHICH IS IN HARMONY
WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW. IT IS NOT AN ARAB INNOVATION. IT
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WAS USED BY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN SIMILAR CONDITIONS UNDER

WHICH THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL IS BEING APPLIED.

2. ARAB BOYCOTT HAS NO RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS NATURE AND DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN THE NATIONALITIES OR RELIGIOUS CREEDS OF THE OWNERS OF COMPANIES. ARAB BOYCOTT IS APPLIED AGAINST COMPANIES WHICH STRENGTHEN ISRAELI ECONOMY AND DEVELOP ISRAEL'S MILITARY INDUSTRIES. IN THESE CASES THE ARAB BOYCOTT IS APPLIED REGARDLESS OF THE NATIONALITY OR RELIGION OF THE OWNERS OF THESE COMPANIES.

3. ARAB BOYCOTT IS TOLERANT AND FAIR. IT DOES NOT BAN DEALINGS WITH ANY FOREIGN COMPANY EXCEPT AFTER GIVING IT AMPLE TIME TO SETTLE ITS POSITION AND CHOOSE BETWEEN THE WIDE ARAB MARKET AND THE NARROW ISRAELI MARKET. UNQUOTE.

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